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PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, October 20, 1945

The Little Keehukee Association in session with the church at Pleasant Grove, commencing on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1945, continuing three days.

Service was opened by Brother Mance Bullock on praise and prayer.

Elder Annanias Hyman preached the introductory sermon. Text not recorded.

Spiritual words of hope and faith by Elder K. W. Jones.

The Moderator closed on praise and benediction.

Recess one hour for dinner.

Saturday Evening Conference

Conference was opened by Elder T. B. Bess on hymn 433 and prayer. He then pronounced the house ready for the transaction of business.

The following acts and resolutions were adopted.

That Elder A. Hyman continue Moderator of this Association and K. W. Jones, Clerk.

That all visiting brethren be invited to seats with us and participate in the conference.

That a door be opened for the reception of new members.

On motion the following committees were appointed, viz.:

Henry Harris, James Cooper, and Colonius Cotten as Finance Committee.

Committee on Arrangement of Preaching: Savalia Hyman, Dan Bellamy, and Isaac Battle.

On motion the messengers from our corresponding associations were called for. Their report was as follows:

Elder Wm. Thompson of the Durham Association with a file of minutes, representing peace and good will among his brethren, and desiring the friendly correspondence to continue.

Elder T. B. Bess of the Turner Swamp Association came forward with a file of minutes reporting peace and harmony and desiring the friendly correspondence to continue.

The messengers from both associations were received, the Moderator and Clerk extending the right hand of fellowship.

Elder Joe Louis and Brother Andrew Coley were sent to the stand to preach for the people; and Brother Savalia Hyman to record the preacher's text.

The committee on Arrangement of Preaching deferred their report till Sunday morning.

(See order of preaching for same.)

On motion agreed, the churches made their report of peace with their contributions as follows:

Church	*Messenger*	*Contribution*
Bryant Chapel	D. Bellamy, K. W. Jones	$10.00
Pleasant Grove	Carrie Battle	15.00
Thornes Hill	McCouncil, T. Joyner	12.00
Hills Chapel	Savalia Hyman	4.00
Little Tarboro	M. Langley	9.00
Mount Ararat	Henry Harris	14.00
Total received from churches		$64.00

On motion agreed, we will hold the next session of our Association with the church at Hill's Chapel, Elder K. W. Jones is to preach the introductory sermon; Elder A. Hyman alternate.

On motion agreed, conference adjourned till Monday morning, nine o'clock.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday Morning

Elder A. Hyman preached the introductory sermon. Text not recorded.

Elder K. W. Jones preached, no special text.

Saturday Evening

Brother Andrew Coley opened service and preached from the 2nd chapter St. Matthew. Elder Joe Louis followed. Text St. John 1:36.

The Moderator, after making some remarks, closed the services with praise and benediction.

Sunday Morning

Brother Harvey Armstrong opened service and preached. Text Is. 60:1.

Elder Jno. T. Alston. Text St. John 10:27.

Elder Arthur Armstrong. Text Is. 40:6.

Elder T. B. Bess. Text St. Mat. 11:28.

Closing remarks by the Moderator.

Sunday Evening

Elder Ernest Tillery opened service on praise and prayer, and preached. No special text.

Elder Wm. Thompson preached. Text St. Mark 10:52.

Elder A. L. Cooper preached from the 1st chapter of St. John.

The Moderator closed. Dismissal hymn 616 and benediction.

Monday Morning

Elder Joe Louis opened service and preached, followed by Elder Wm. Thompson.

Monday Morning Conference

Elder Wm. Thompson opened conference. Hymn 95 and prayer and pronounced the house ready for the transaction of business.

Moved to call the roll of churches. All present.

Moved that Saturday's proceedings be read. The proceedings were received.

Moved that the circular letter be read. Agreed the circular letter be received and attached to the minutes.

Agreed Elder K. W. Jones write the circular letter for our next session (1946).

Agreed Elder Joe Louis and Brother A. Coley go to the stand and preach for the people.

The Durham Association also the Turner's Swamp Association chose Elder A. Hyman and Elder K. W. Jones to visit them in their next session (1946).

On motion the Finance Committee reported as follows:

Taken up at the table	$ 64.00
Taken up at stand	61.47
Grand Total	$125.47

Expense for printing minutes	$ 30.00
Clerk's Fee	10.00
For the Ministry and Other Expenses	80.47
Left in Treasury	5.00
Total	$125.47

After thanking the committee for their services, and efficiency in the work assigned to them it was moved the Finance Committee be honorably discharged.

On conclusion of business, the Moderator rose and after returning thanks to Almighty God for His wonderful blessings and thanking the people and brethren and sisters of this church and community for their kindness in caring for this association, sang hymn 618 and with a benediction dismissed the people.

ELDER ANNANIAS HYMAN, Moderator.

ELDER K. W. JONES, Clerk.

Ordained Elders and Post Office Address

Elder A. Hyman	R.F.D., Tarboro, N. C.
Elder K. W. Jones	R.F.D. 2, Tarboro, N. C.
Elder Joe Louis	R.F.D. 1, Whitakers, N. C.

Licensed Preachers

Henry Harris	Tarboro, N. C.

Standing of Churches

Bryant Chapel—Pastor _____. Baptized, none. Received by letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 10.

Pleasant Grove—Pastor, Annanias Hyman. Received by experience of grace, 2. Received by letter, none. Dismissed, none. Excluded, none. Lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 20.

Thornes Hill—Pastor, K. W. Jones. Received by baptism, none; by letter, none. Dismissed, none. Exluded, none. Restored, 1. Lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 18.

Hills Chapel—Pastor A. Hyman, Baptized, none. Received

by letter, none. Dismissed, none. Excluded, none. Restored, none. Lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 4.

Little Tarboro—Pastor A. Hyman. Baptized, none. Received by letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, none. Lost by death, none. Restored, 1. Number in fellowship, 9.

Mount Ararat—Pastor A. Hyman. Baptized, none. Received by letter, none. Dismissed by letter, none. Excluded, 3. Restored, none. Lost by death, none. Number in fellowship, 18.

Church Quarterly Meetings

Bryant Chapel—2nd Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Pleasant Grove—4th Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Thornes Hill—3rd Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Hills Chapel—3rd Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Little Tarboro—2nd Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Mount Ararat—1st Sunday in March, June, September, December.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Beloved Brethren, Ministers and Messengers of the Little Keehukee Association:

Complying with your request that I write the circular letter for the 1945 session of this Association.

Wherefore, in the name of the Lord Jesus I submit the following:

I exhort you be strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. Yea that ye may be able to stand in the evil day.

Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness, your feet shod with the preparations of the gospel, having the sword of the spirit—which is the word of God to shield you from all harm.

Brethren pray for us that we may travel on in fellowship,

love, and truth.

Grace be unto you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Most humbly submitted,

Your brother in Christ, I trust,

K. W. JONES.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the Messengers of the several churches composing the Little Keehukee Primitive Baptist Association, agree for the satisfaction of our brethren and friends, to publish an abstract of the principles of faith upon which we unite and will endeavor with the help of the Lord to maintain:

1. We believe in the being of God Almighty, Eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy, and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His word under the character of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His word, which word we believe to be divine authority and contain all things necessary to be known for the salvation of men the same as comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particular, eternal, and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man He was good and upright, but by his own transgression he fell from the good and upright state and being the head and representative of the whole human race, they being His natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself and they are partakers of and exposed to the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as fallen creatures to keep the law of God perfectly, or to

truly repent of his sins, or to believe in Christ, except he be drawn in by the Holy Ghost.

6. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way the elect will be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they utterly refuse the call, but shall be wiling by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and appointed by faith.

8. We believe that God's elect will be converted and born again by the effectual working of the holy spirit.

9. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

10. We believe it is the duty incumbent on all God's people to religiously, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from the principle of love.

11. We believe in baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted as true believers.

12. We believe every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Association councils and conferences of ministers, or churches, are not to impose on the church the keeping, holding, or maintaining any principle of practice contrary to the church judgment.

13. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and the final judgment.

14. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

15. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances unless he is called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

16. Lastly, we believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an Association capacity wherein each church ought to be represented by the Messengers to advise each other in conference.